

Sabine Parish



“Over the years, it has become clear that individual health is closely linked to community health—the health of the community and environment in which individuals live, work, and play. Likewise, community health is profoundly affected by the collective beliefs, attitudes, and behaviors of everyone who lives in the community”

Healthy People 2010

Parish Health Profiles 2005 — Your Parish at a Glance

	Sabine	Louisiana	U.S.	HP 2010
ECONOMICS, 2000				
% All persons in poverty	21.5%	19.6%	12.4%	--
% Children under 18 in poverty	29.4%	26.6%	16.6%	--
% Unemployed 16 and over	8.2%	7.3%	5.8%	--
EDUCATION 2002-2003				
School Expenditure per Student	\$6,275	\$6,906	--	--
Student Attendance (average daily attendance as a % of the average number of students enrolled)	94.0%	93.5%	--	--
% High School Drop Outs (as a % of incoming 9th grade)	4.3%	7.0%	--	--
MOTHERS AND CHILDREN, 2002				
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 births)	11.7	10.2	7.0	4.5
% Receiving prenatal care within first 3 months	84.7%	83.8%	83.7%	90.0%
% Receiving adequate prenatal care (modified Kessner)	77.2%	78.9%	76.2%	--
% Low birth weight	9.1%	10.5%	7.7%	5.0%
% Births to teens ages 15 - 19	15.0%	15.5%	10.6%	--
% Children fully immunized by 2 years old	--	69.8%	78.5%	90.0%
INFECTIOUS DISEASES, 2003 (new cases - rate per 100,000 population)				
Syphilis (primary and secondary)	--	4.1	2.5	0.2
Early Syphilis (primary, secondary and early latent)	0.0	8.6	5.4	--
Chlamydia	336.8	469.8	304.3	3.0
Gonorrhea	136.4	265.6	116.2	19.0
Tuberculosis	0.0	5.8	5.1	1.0
STATEWIDE LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH, 2002 (death rate per 100,000 population)				
Heart	389.2	248.4	241.7	166.0
Cancer	286.5	209.7	193.2	159.9
Cerebrovascular Disease	**	57.4	56.4	48.0
Accidents	**	46.7	37.0	17.5
Diabetes	**	39.5	25.4	45.0
Chronic Lower Respiratory	**	37.8	43.3	--
COMMUNITY SAFETY, 2003				
Validated cases of child abuse/neglect (rate per 1,000 population)	10.7	10.9	12.4	10.3
Deaths caused by motor vehicle crashes (rate per 100 Million Vehicle Miles Traveled)	3.1	2.1	1.5	0.8
HEALTH BEHAVIORS, 2004				
	Region 7	Louisiana	U.S.	HP 2010
% Current cigarette smokers (adults 18+)	22.0%	23.5%	21.0%	12.0%
% Obese - BMI>30 (adults 20+)	27.7%	27.0%	31.1%	15.0%
% Having a mammogram within 2 years (women 40+)	70.8%	74.3%	74.6%	70.0%
% Having a pap smear within 3 years (women 18+)	82.7%	85.2%	85.9%	90.0%
% Having a flu shot in past year (adults 65+)	68.3%	68.6%	67.9%	90.0%

Data Sources:

Economics: U.S. Census 2000 Summary File 3 (SF 3) - Sample Data, 2000

Education: Louisiana Department of Education District-reported data submitted to the Student Information System (SIS) end-of-year (EOY) report and Profile of Educational Personnel (PEP) System. Office of Management and Finance, Division of Planning, Analysis and Information Resources. District Composite Report 2003-2004.

Mothers and Children: DHH/OPH, Louisiana State Center for Health Statistics, 2004 Louisiana Health Report Card and National Vital Statistics Reports, Vol. 53, No. 15, February 2005

Infectious Diseases: DHH/OPH, Sexually Transmitted Disease Program. 2004 and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "Trends in Reportable Sexually Transmitted Disease in the United State, 2003". NA= Rate not available, # of cases is less than 5

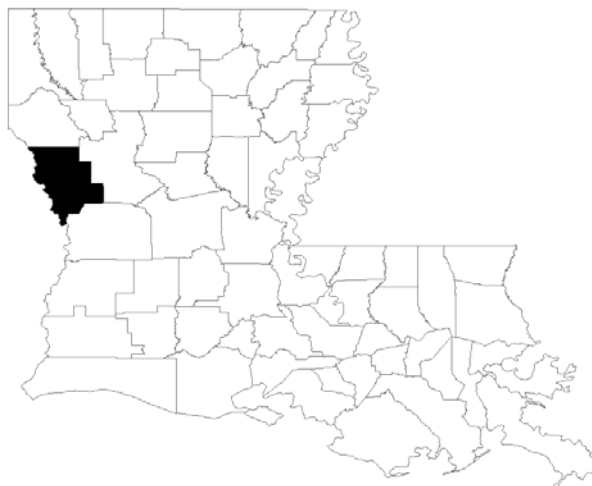
Leading Causes of Death: DHH/OPH, Louisiana State Center for Health Statistics, 2004 Louisiana Health Report Card and National Vital Statistics Reports, Vol. 53, No. 15, February 2005 (**Rates for counts less than 20 are unreliable and are not reported)

Community Safety: Child Abuse--Louisiana Department of Social Services, Office of Community Services, prepared by Prevent Child Abuse Louisiana and Motor Vehicle Deaths--EMS/Injury Research & Prevention Program

Healthy Behaviors: DHH/OPH, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), 2004

History^{1, 2}

Established on March 7, 1843, Sabine parish is rich in lore and history. Fort Jesup is a colorful reminder of Louisiana's history when the land was the vast Louisiana Territory and eventually produced 13 of the United States. During this transition period, the treaty of 1803 failed to define clearly the western boundary of Louisiana, with the result that America claimed Eastern Texas and the Spanish claimed western Louisiana. From this confused state, there developed a "no-man's land" east of the Sabine River. The section became known as the Sabine Strip. Murders, robberies, and other crimes were commonplace until the boundary was fixed at the Sabine River by the Florida Purchase Treaty of 1819. Fort Jesup was built in 1822 by Lt. Col. Zachary Taylor to keep order in this territory. A visit to Fort Jesup (one small kitchen remains out of the original 82 buildings) will give the visitor much history of the area.



Today the parish combines the old with the new. The growing resort area around Toledo Bend Reservoir, the largest manmade body of water in the South and the fifth largest in surface acres in the nation, covering 185,000 acres, is in the parish. El Camino Real, the early road to Mexico (circa 1720), crosses the parish. The annual Tamale Fiesta at Zwolle attracts many visitors, while the "Sawmill Days at Fisher" take visitors back in history.

Parish Seat³ Many

Major Cities (population over 5,000)

N/A

Parish Population⁴

2000.....	23,459
2003 (estimate)	23,406
2000 Population by Race	
White.....	72.7%
African-American	16.9%
Some other race.....	10.5%
Hispanic of Latino (of any race)	2.7%
2000 Population by Age	
Under 5 years	6.5%
5-14	14.9%
15-17	4.8%
18-19	2.6%
20-24	5.6%
25-64	49.0%
65 & over	16.5%

Geography and Statistics⁵

Average elevation	321ft.
Land area in square miles	865
Water area in square miles	146.3

Climate

Average temperatures	
Annual	65°
January	56°
July	92°
Annual average rainfall	54 inches

Labor Force (2001)⁶

Sabine Parish	
Civilian.....	7,832
Employed	7,350
Unemployed.....	482
Unemployment.....	6.2%
Louisiana	
Civilian.....	2,055,000
Employed	1,956,500
Unemployed.....	98,500
Unemployment Rate	4.8%

Colleges/Universities (within one hour commute)

- Northwestern State University, Natchitoches

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<<http://www.crt.state.la.us/crt/tourism/>>.
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5. U.S. Census Bureau: State and County QuickFacts <<http://www.census.gov>>.
6. Louisiana Department of Labor, Civilian Labor Force Summary
<http://www.ldol.state.la.us/forms/lmi/CLF_Parishes_2000-Present.xls>.